

### Property at a glance

Location: Milwaukee, WI  
 Staff: David J. Frank Landscape Contracting  
 Category: Hospital or institution  
 Total budget: \$39,360  
 Year site built: 1955  
 Acres of turf: 2  
 Acres of woody ornamentals: 3/4 of an acre  
 Acres of display beds: 700 sq. ft.  
 Total paved area: 2 acres  
 Total man-hours/week: 23

### Maintenance challenges

- ▶ Heavy debris patrol in urban environment
- ▶ Truck watering of flower beds/new plantings
- ▶ Snow removal

### Project checklist

N/A

### On the job

- ▶ 3 full-time staff, 1 seasonal employee, 2 licensed pesticide applicators

# Sinai Samaritan Medical Center

**A 2000 Honor Award Winner of the Professional Grounds Management Society for Hospital or Institution**

One good thing about doing landscape work on the grounds of a hospital is that, if you get injured, you're literally steps away from emergency treatment. It's doubtful, however, that the employees of David J. Frank Landscape Contracting who care for the East Campus of Sinai Samaritan Medical Center are spending too much time thinking about injuries — they've got mounds of trash, vandalism and security issues on their minds.

Heavy debris at this urban location requires trash pick up twice a day, seven days a week. Herbaceous plants need to be continually replanted due to unintentional damage and vandalism. A large number of new plantings in unirrigated areas require time-consuming truck watering.

Aside from doing routine chores, the crew of David J. Frank has contributed to an overall redesign of Sinai Samaritan for more color and a more modern look. Part of that look was created at new

planting beds adjacent to the entrance signs filled with bold annual flowers, sheared evergreens and bright perennials. In displays varying from pattern plantings to country bouquets, over 6,000 annual flowers were installed for color and interest.

Maintaining planting beds takes up a good portion of employees' time.



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Ornamental grasses and assorted perennials at the medical complex offer a balance of color, structure and style.

